list of telephone connections in Delhi, particularly the list of Shahadra, East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The dates of earliest waiting applicants in Shahadra East under different categories are as follows:—

OYT/G—20-3-87	OYT/S—24-2-88
N-OYT/SS—31-1-89	N-OYT/S—17-3-82
N-OYT/G—26-12-79	

The maximum waiting period at Shahadra Exchange had come down to about eight years at the time of bulk release during 1988; but has again gone up beyond 9 years by now.

(c) There is a proposal to increase the equipped capacity of Delhi Telephones by about 1,70,000 lines in the next two years. This addition to the equipped capacity is expected to give substantial relief to the applicants in the waiting list in Delhi including Shahadra area of the U.T. of Delhi.

Grant of pay scale of Rs. 1640-2900 to Assistants

2600. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Administrative Tribunal has recently given its verdict on the grant of a Pay Scale of Rs. 1640-2900 to Assistants;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the orders for implementation of the verdict are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The CAT in their judgement dated 23-5-1989 have directed that the applicants may be given an opportunity to be heard by the Anomaly Committee and the Government may pass final order on the Anomaly within 4 months after considering the recommendations of the Anomaly Committee. The Applicants have submitted a written memorandum to the Anomaly Committee which will be considered in the next meeting of the Committee.

Deaths due to cholera and gastroenteritis in Ghaziabad

2601. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths and other maladies reported due to out-break of cholera and gastroenteritis due to presence of an open oxidation pond for the disposal of Sewage between Delhi border and Chander Nagar Colony of Ghaziabad, during the last two years;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the residents of the colony in this regard; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take up the matter with the Uttar Pradesh Government, if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the action in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) This Ministry has no such information. However, the number of Cholera/Gastro-Enterities/Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases cases in Uttar Pradesh as a whole as reported to the Dte.

General of Health Services are as under: —

Year	Cholera		A.D.D./G.D.	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1987	3	..	3642	474
1988	168	4	340153	1201
1989 (upto 15-7-89)	49	..	N.A.	N.A.

Damage, loss and destruction of IAF aircrafts

2602. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will he Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian Airforce aircrafts damaged, lost or destroyed during the last Five years;

(b) the total number of lives lost due to these mishaps;

(c) the total monetary losses due to these mishaps; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent such damage and loss of lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) This type of information is not disclosed in the national security interest.

(d) Preventive action for minimising accidents is a continuous and on-going process. Every accident is investigated by a Court of Inquiry and follow-up action is taken on its' recommendations. Periodical reviews and analysis of accidents are carried out to identify weak areas and initiate remedial action. In case of persistent or serious problems, joint studies are carried out specially with the help of manufacturers to work out solutions.

Contents of Citrus Flavoured Aerated cold drinks

2603. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Citrus-Flavoured Aerated cold drinks contain Carcinogenic Brominated vegetable oil;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation has warned against the use of this ingredient;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the other countries have banned this oil, which is unsafe for food items; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent use of this unsafe oil in food products in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI (RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) Bromiuated Vegetable Oils are generally added to citrus flavoured cold drinks. Food and Agricultural Organisation Nutrition meeting report series No. 48A WHO|FOOD|ADD|7039 have recommended long term studies on this chemical to establish its adverse effect.

According to the information available with this Ministry, the Government of Canada, U.S.A. and Australia permit use of Brominated Vegetable Oil and the Government of Japan, United Kingdom and West Germany have prohibited its use.